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1. REPLIES TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED PARA 5 REFTEL FOLLOW:

A) YES. UK IS DIVIDED INTO 53 POLICE REGIONS. EACH
HOLDS REGULAR FIVE-WEEK, DETECTIVE-LEVEL TRAINING
COURSES DEVOTED TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NARCOTICS ENFORCE-
MENT. CALIBER OF TRAINING AND TRAINING FACILITIES QUITE
HIGH.

B) N.A. ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN UK IS RESPONSIBILITY
OF NATIONAL POLICE DIVIDED AS ABOVE.

C) EACH REGION HAS ITS OWN POLICE COLLEGE PROVIDING
INITIAL POLICE OFFICER CADET TRAINING AS WELL AS REFRESH-
ER COURSES FOR SENIOR OFFICERS.

D) INSTRUCTORS AT POLICE COLLEGES ARE DRAWN FROM
RANKS OF SENIOR OFFICERS AS WELL AS LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION. NARCOTICS TRAINING COURSES DRAW ON
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FORMER SOURCE, HOME OFFICE PERSONNEL, GOVERNMENT LABORA-
TORY SCIENTISTS, MEDICAL PERSONNEL FROM DRUG REHABILITA-
TION PROGRAM AND FREQUENTLY ON DEA PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO
EMBASSY.

E) DEA HAS PROVIDED TWO DEA TWO-WEEK SCHOOLS (EXETER
1975 AND WAKEFIELD 1976). RESPONSE WAS EXTREMELY FAVOR-

ABLE. DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS EXISTS, ALTHOUGH THIS IS TEMPERED SOMEWHAT BY HIGH-LEVEL OF EXPERTISE ALREADY AVAILABLE IN LOCAL ESTABLISHMENT.

F) N.A. LONG ESTABLISHED LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, INCLUDING NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER TRAINING, MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO QUANTIFY IMPACT OF LOCAL TRAINING.

G) IN LIGHT OF HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED PROGRAM ALREADY IN PLACE, THIS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.

H) U.S. CAN BEST ASSIST BY CONTINUING ACTIVE LECTURE PROGRAM BY DEA REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY AND BY RESPONDING PROMPTLY AND POSITIVELY TO UK SUGGESTIONS FOR JOINT SEMINARS OR REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL SPEAKERS.

I) COMPETENCE CERTAINLY EXISTS TO PERMIT UK TO PLAY REGIONAL TRAINING ROLE AND OCCASIONAL OBSERVERS FROM OTHER PARTS OF EUROPE DO MONITOR AND PARTICIPATE IN UK TRAINING EXERCISES. SOPHISTICATION OF OTHER NATIONAL PROGRAMS IN REGION WOULD APPEAR, HOWEVER, TO RULE OUT ANY GREATLY EXPANDED ROLE FOR UK.

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